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SUBJECT:

1. IN A JUNE 3 EDITORIAL, THE NATIONALLY CIRCULATED
TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL DISCUSSED WITH CONSIDERABLE
APPROVAL U.S. U.N. AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG'S APPROACH
TOWARD PROBLEMS IN AFRICA.

"FROM THE START IT WAS EVIDENT THAT ANDREW YOUNG WAS NOT
YOUR AVERAGE MEMBER OF A PRESIDENTIAL CABINET, NOT YOUR
AVERAGE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS. HE HAS
MADE CRACKS AT THE UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT, SCOFFED
AT AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD COMMUNISM IN AFRICA AND ASIA,
KICKED THE BRITISH WHILE THEY'RE DOWN, HINTED THAT THERE
MAY BE A SILVER LINING TO THE PRESENCE OF CUBANS IN ANGOLA
AND ETHIOPIA. HE HAS EVEN BEEN RUDE TO SWEDEN. BUT
PRINCIPALLY HE HAS DISPLAYED REAL ANGER TOWARD TWO REGIMES
THAT WERE NOT ACCUSTOMED, BEFORE THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT
JIMMY CARTER, TO ANYTHING MORE THAN TOKEN ANGER FROM THE
UNITED STATES - RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

"AND HE HAS AROUSED REAL ANGER, NOT ONLY IN SALISBURY AND
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PRETORIA, BUT IN WASHINGTON - AND NOT MERELY FROM THE SORT
OF PEOPLE WHO COULD BE EXPECTED TO BE HOSTILE TO ANY
TURNAROUND IN WASHINGTON'S DISASTROUS AFRICAN POLICIES OF
THE RECENT PAST".

2. THE GLOBE AND MAIL NOTED THAT MR YOUNG'S APPROACH IS
NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTED BY ALL AMERICANS, AND QUOTED

EXTENSIVELY FROM THE JAMES RESTON ARTICLE IN THE NEW YORK TIMES. BUT, THE PAPER NOTED "THE LECTURING OF IAN SMITH AND JOHN VORSTER IS ALSO BEING DONE BY PRESIDENT CARTER AND VICE-PRESIDENT WALTER MONDALE. REAL OPPOSITION TO WHITE SUPREMACY IN RHODESIA AND APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA HAS, AT LAST, IN 1977, BECOME WHITE HOUSE POLICY. AS FAR AS RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA ARE CONCERNED, MR YOUNG IS JUST DOING HIS JOB, WITH FLAIR AND WITH COMMITMENT. "BUT IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO WRITE OFF CRITICISMS SUCH AS THOSE OF MR RESTON AS MERE BAD TEMPER. THERE IS NO DOUBT THEY EXPRESS THE VIEWS OF MANY, IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND WASHINGTON, WHO SHARE MR YOUNG'S OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID, IF NOT HIS SENSE OF URGENCY, AND WHO FEAR THAT HIS STYLE WILL STIR UP ANGER AND RESISTANCE AMONG PEOPLE WHO COULD BE ALLIES, IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD. IT IS A VALID CONCERN.

3. THE PAPER SAID THAT FOR TOO LONG, OFFICIAL WASHINGTON HAD VIEWED AFRICA AS ONLY A MINOR PAWN IN THE EAST-WEST COLD WAR.

"YET THE OLD COURSE HAS BEEN DISASTROUS. IT HAS BEEN THE BEST ALLY THE RUSSIANS HAVE HAD IN AFRICA - TO EQUATE BLACK LIBERATION WITH COMMUNISM IS HARDLY, IN A BLACK CONTINENT, THE WAY TO MAKE COMMUNISM ABHORRENT".

4. THE GLOBE AND MAIL CONCLUDES ON A VERY POSITIVE NOTE.

"MR YOUNG HAS HAD LONG PERSONAL CONTACT WITH AFRICA. HE UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDERSTANDS THE URGENCY OF THE NEED FOR CHANGE...". WILSON ACTING

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